

How Does “Let’s Talk Annapolis” Work?

Let’s Talk Annapolis is a 6-month process to involve the people of Annapolis in a community-wide conversation.

Let’s Talk Annapolis invites interested individuals to form or join a small discussion group. The group will engage in a conversation about the central concepts of “quality of life” in our city – understanding that the term means something slightly different to each of us.

What will we talk about?

Each group will begin with the same three questions:

- How do we protect and improve our quality of life?
- How do we build a unified community?
- What should Annapolis become over the next 10 to 20 years?

The conversations will be as varied as the participants in each group.

Each group will answer the 4th question in their own way, based on their conversation about the first three questions. The 4th question is:

- What should we do to address one specific priority?

When and how will we meet to talk?

Each group determines its own meeting times, locations, how many times it wants to meet, and whether it wants assistance from an outside facilitator.

After each discussion session, the group will complete a conversation report – a short form to document major conclusions or outcomes of the conversation.

What happens with the results of the conversations?

In August, 2006, the conversation reports will be published. The reports will inform City actions and policies, including the Comprehensive Plan and other initiatives.

In the Fall of 2006, a citizen advisory committee to assist with the update of the Annapolis Comprehensive Plan will be formed. The committee is expected to spend 18 months on the Comprehensive Plan update. The Comprehensive Plan sets City policy governing land use, zoning, transportation, housing, environmental stewardship and other aspects of city life. Broad direction for the Comprehensive Plan is expected from the outcomes of the Let’s Talk conversations.

